

Electric Utilities Task Group
September 17, 2010
Town Hall, Old Town Road
12:30 p.m.

Present: Michael Ballard, Bill Penn, Everett Shorey and Barbara MacMullan.

Also present were: Cliff McGinnes, Rosemary Ives, Dave Milner, Paul Rich, Bryan Wilson, First Warden Kim Gaffett, Town Manager Nancy Dodge, Councilor Peter Baute, Councilor Ray Torrey, Dan West, BI Times and Wayne Pinkham.

Meeting was called to order at 12:40 p.m.

1. Approve minutes of August 20, 2010

Minutes were approved as written in a motion by Michael Ballard and seconded by Bill Penn.

Ayes: 4 (Ballard, Penn, Shorey and MacMullan)

Nays 0

2. Public Input-None

3. Deepwater update

Paul Rich of Deepwater discussed the following:

- Sea Zephyr which measures wind speed will be deployed. (in lieu of barge)
- Deepwater headquarters moved from New Jersey to Providence
- SAMPP plan will be adopted on or about October 12.
- Transmission discussion; Deepwater will revitalize discussion with National Grid on the Cable

There was a question and answer period which included:

- Appeals process
- cable
- permits
- loan guarantees
- sites and costs vs. routes of the cable.

Rosemary Ives wanted it noted for the record that in the PUC decision the cost of a stand-alone cable would be socialized. There was discussion about this. No one else recalled that the commission stated this. Barbara MacMullan will check the transcripts of the meeting.

4. BIPCO update

Cliff McGinnes provided the group with a copy of the USDA grant that they applied for.

He reported that the PUC will be looking at the upgrade docket soon. BIPCO is proceeding as if no wind farm is coming. BIPCO does not believe the cable will happen without 50% funding.

5. Update on Grants-No decisions have been made on grants yet.

6. Island Energy Plan update

Barbara MacMullan updated the group of the Island Energy Plan. This was the renewable portion of the plan and included different scenarios of cable and no cable. She reported that Zoning will be an issue that will need to be addressed.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m. in a motion by Bill Penn and seconded by Everett Shorey and voted unanimously.

Minutes approved:

Bonny Ryan